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### WHERE ARE THE REMAINS OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS?

**F**RONTING the plaza in the ancient city of Isabel la Nueva, now known as Santo Domingo, stands the venerable and weather-beaten cathedral. A solid building of cut stone, not in the light and graceful Gothic, but in the less aspiring Roman style, it has since its completion in 1540 defied alike the earthquake and the hurricane, the growing tooth of time, and the artillery of man.

As you enter beneath the golden-tinted roof memories come thronging fast. Here was the first voice raised in the Western World in the cause of human freedom; here the great Dominican Montesinos made the first denunciation of human slavery; and here began the work so bravely carried on by Las Casas. Thus we may feel proud of Montesinos; for he reared the first Christian altar in our land, on the banks of the James, fourscore years before the English began a settlement in honor of the son of Mary Stuart.

But the old cathedral has other memories. Within its walls, as it is generally conceded, lay for centuries the mortal remains of Christopher Columbus, the Discoverer of the New World.

Santo Domingo, jealous of her great trust, claims to hold them still; but long island, Panama, has long strenuously asserted them, and has in storied bust and monumental marble set forth its claim.

All will admit that the rest of the wronged and illustrious Discoverer is a noble and honored tomb. He asked no elaborate pile, no masterpiece of sculpture, and none was raised.

His tomb has been as simple as his death. His remains were removed at Valladolid to Seville, from Seville to Santo Domingo.

The time came, when amid the changes and vicissitudes of earthliness all her claim to Hispaniola which she had held from its discovery to Columbus. Before retiring from Santo Do-